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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| PATENT APPLICATION OF |) | |
| WEISS et al. |) | |
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| SERIAL NO.: 10/710,975 |) | Group Art Unit: 3764 |
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| FILED: 08/16/2004 |) | Examiner: Donnelly |
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| FOR: FREE STANDING BALLET BAR |) | |
| EXERCISE DEVICE |) | |

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Examiner Jerome W. Donnelly

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW ON MARCH 2

The undersigned attorney-of-record requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner on March 2 or as soon thereafter as possible. Prosecution of this application has been suspended for one month from January 29, 2009. The Examiner has indicated that a reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. Applicants' attorney expects that a brief interview would clarify certain issues and expedite the examination of this application. The inventors will not participate in the interview. The primary issues to be discussed are:

1. Has the new reference become available? If so, what is it?
2. What, if anything, are the grounds for rejecting claims 1-11 and 15-16?
3. What is the period for reply to the Advisory Action? Why didn't the period for reply expire on the mailing date of the Advisory Action since applicants' first reply was filed within two months of the Final Office Action?
4. If applicants' previous amendment was not entered as the Advisory Action states, then why were claims 12-14 cancelled?

Respectfully submitted,

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